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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No. A8806

ELDERON, Alan Roeder, et al.

Appln. No. 09/849,377

Group Art Unit: 2126

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Examiner: Diem K. Cao

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For: **TYPE DESCRIPTOR METAMODEL**

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The following remarks summarize the telephonic interview conducted between Applicants' representative and Examiner Cao of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 6, 2005.

**REMARKS**

During the interview, Applicants' representative noted that the above-identified application is related to several other pending applications, including applications nos. 09/849,105; 09/849,563; 10/310,343; 09/849,816; and 09/849,813. All of these applications are being handled by Examiner Cao and all of the applications have been allowed.

The Examiner cited the same references in each of these applications, with the exception of application no. 09/849,813, wherein three additional references were cited but not relied on. In particular, U.S. Patent No. 6,233,542 to Butts et. al, U.S. Patent No. 6,253,366 to Mutschler, III and U.S. Patent No. 6,654,784 to Wei are the additional references cited (but not relied on) by the Examiner.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See PTO Form-892 attached to the non-final Office Action dated June 22, 2004 in application no. 09/849,813.

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During the interview, Applicants' representative asked Examiner Cao whether she had considered these three additional references in the other related cases, which she had examined in approximately the same time frame, as well. Examiner Cao answered "yes," i.e., that she had considered the '542 patent, the '366 patent and the '784 patent during examination of the present application (i.e., application no. 09/849,377), as well as application nos. 09/849,105; 09/849,563; 10/310,343; and 09/849,816.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04. If the Examiner believes that any statements made herein, she is respectfully requested to notify Applicant in writing.

**It is believed that no petition or fee is required.** However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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